

DENNIS ROGER VANDYKE,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID W. ROGERS,

Defendant.

alone, as frivolous or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, he may not file future civil actions or appeal a judgment in a civil proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 in any federal district unless he is under imminent danger of serious physical injury. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

(Case No. 1:05-cv-357, Doc. No. 31 at 4) (emphasis in original). Plaintiff appealed, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit affirmed summary judgment for the defendants for the reasons stated in Judge Mullen’s Order. VanDyke v. Officer O’Donnell, et al., No. 06-7454 (4th Cir. Mar. 27, 2007); (Case No. 1:05-cv-357, Doc. No. 39).

The provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915 are mandatory and define the degree and scope of this Court’s initial review of Plaintiff’s Complaint. See Crawford-El v. Britton, 523 U.S. 574, 596 (1998) (discussing the Prisoner Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”)). Section 1915(g) provides that:

In no event shall a prisoner bring a civil action or appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding under this section if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

At least three of Plaintiff’s previous complaints were dismissed on the grounds that they were frivolous or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. See, e.g., (Case Nos. 1:05-cv-357-GCM; 1:06-cv-172-GCM; 1:06-cv-200-GCM; 1:12-cv-113-RJC).

This Court has examined Plaintiff’s Complaint, (Doc. No. 1), and finds that Plaintiff’s Complaint fails to demonstrate that he “is under imminent danger of serious physical injury” as required by § 1915(g) of the PLRA. Plaintiff’s Complaint contains vague, conclusory allegations regarding ineffective assistance of counsel. Plaintiff is subject to § 1915(g)’s bar to filing civil actions under the PLRA without prepayment of the filing fee and is not under imminent danger of serious physical injury. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), Plaintiff’s

Application to Proceed *in forma pauperis* must be **DENIED**. This Court will **DISMISS** Plaintiff's Complaint without prejudice to his ability to re-file with prepayment of the filing fee.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *in forma pauperis*, (Doc. No. 1-1), is **DENIED**;
2. Plaintiff's Complaint, (Doc. No. 1), is **DISMISSED**.

Signed: July 3, 2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge

